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SUBJECT: SOUTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP

REF: A. CANBERRA 6081 B. STATE 222989

BEGIN SUMMARY: SOUTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP (SWPCG) AS DISCUSSED BY KIRK AND MALIK DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT HERE INCLUDES ONLY NEW ZEALAND, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA/NEW GUINEA AND IS CONCERNED WITH STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GUINEA (PNG AND IRIAN JAYA). GROUPING DOES NOT INCLUDE PACIFIC ISLANDS OR ANY OTHER NATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS JOHN ROBERTSON, SECRETARY OF DEFENCE, GERALD HENSLEY, NEW HEAD OF MFA ASIAN AFFAIRS DIVISION AND SUDOJO

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THITROKUSUMO, MINISTER COUNSELLOR OF THE INDONESIAN

EMBASSY, ALL OF WHOM PARTICIPATED IN KIRK/MALIK TALKS, CONFIRM THAT THE SWPCG WAS A NEBULOUS IDEA OF UNCERTAIN GENESIS WHICH EMERGED LARGELY TO ADDRESS THE FUTURE PROBLEM OF FITTING A STABLE PNG INTO THE AREA.

2. WITH PNG INDEPENDENCE IN THE OFFING, BOTH MALIK AND ALI MURTOPO HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO GNS INDONESIAN CONCERNS OF NEED FOR STABLE PNG AND DESIRE THAT DEVELOPMENT OF PNG AND IRIAN JAYA PROCEED AT COMPARABLE SPEED AND LEVEL. IDEA FOR A GROUPING OF THOSE COUNTRIES MOST CONCERNED OVER FUTURE OF ISLAND OF NEW GUINEA, WHILE LOCALLY CREDITED TO KIRK, PROBABLY WAS FIRST FLOATED BY MURTOPO. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION DURING MALIK VISIT IT WAS AGREED THAT KIRK SHOULD TRY IT OUT ON WHITLAM DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA. IF GOA BOUGHT THE IDEA THEN IT COULD BE FURTHER EXPLORED DURING KIRK DECEMBER VISIT TO JAKARTA. IF GOA DID NOT GO FOR THE PROPOSITION THEN IT WOULD BE A NON-STARTER (INDICATIONS ARE THAT WHILAM ENDORSED THE IDEA YESTERDAY).

3. SUDOJO SAYS POSSIBILITY FOR A MINI-IGGI-TYPE GROUP WHICH WOULD DISCUSS AND COORDINATE DEVELOPMENT OF PNG AND IRIAN JAYA AND WITH INDONESIA FURNISHING SOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS

4. ALL THREE SOURCES STATED THAT A GROUPING TO INCLUDE PACIFIC ISLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

5. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING MALIK VISIT WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.  
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